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SUBJECT: COLD WAR THREAT IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

1. DURING 2 JUNE SPEECH AT DIPLOMATIC AND COMMONWEALTH WRITERS MEETING, SOVIET AMBASSADOR NIKOLAI LUNKOV STATED "THERE CAN BE NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE (CSCE) CONFERENCE. OTHERWISE IT WOULD MEAN A RETURN TO THE PAST, TO TENSIONS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES IN EUROPE." DEPARTING FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, LUNKOV THEN SAID THE SOVIET UNION FORESEES "A RETURN TO THE COLD--OR EVEN THE HOT WAR" IF THERE IS NO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE CSCE IN GENEVA. LUNKOV REMARKED THAT THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED AND URGED A CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN THIS MONTH. HE DEFINED HOT WAR AS "THE POSITION 30 YEARS AGO."

2. COMMENT: DURING A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER AT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION, LUNKOV EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH RESULT OF THE RECENT SUMMIT MEETING. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON HIS STATEMENT AT THE WRITERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT DIRECTING HIS REMARKS ON THE CSCE TO THE UNITED STATES.

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